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## **FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY**

**[No. 2014-N-12]**

### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Federal Housing Finance Agency.

**ACTION:** 30-day Notice of Submission of Information Collection for Approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

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**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) is seeking public comments concerning the information collection known as “Federal Home Loan Bank Directors,” which has been assigned control number 2590-0006 by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). FHFA intends to submit the information collection to OMB for review and approval of a three-year extension of the control number, which is due to expire on October 31, 2014.

**DATES:** Interested persons may submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Housing Finance Agency, Washington, DC 20503, Fax: 202-395-6974, E-mail:

[OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov). Please also submit comments to FHFA using any one of the following methods:

- **Agency Website:** [www.fhfa.gov/open-for-comment-or-input](http://www.fhfa.gov/open-for-comment-or-input).

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. If you submit your comment to the Federal eRulemaking Portal, please also send it by e-mail to FHFA at [RegComments@fhfa.gov](mailto:RegComments@fhfa.gov) to ensure timely receipt by the agency.
- Mail/Hand Delivery: Federal Housing Finance Agency, Eighth Floor, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20024, ATTENTION: Public Comments/Proposed Collection; Comment Request: “Federal Home Loan Bank Directors (No. 2014-N-12).”

We will post all public comments we receive without change, including any personal information you provide, such as your name and address, email address, and telephone number, on the FHFA website at <http://www.fhfa.gov>. In addition, copies of all comments received will be available for examination by the public on business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., at the Federal Housing Finance Agency, Eighth Floor, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20024. To make an appointment to inspect comments, please call the Office of General Counsel at (202) 649-3804.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## **A. Need For and Use of the Information Collection**

Section 7 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (Bank Act) vests the management of each Federal Home Loan Bank (Bank) in its board of directors.<sup>1</sup> As required by section 7, each Bank's board comprises two types of directors: (1) member directors, who are drawn from the officers and directors of member institutions located in the Bank's district and who are elected every four years to represent members in a particular state in that district; and (2) independent directors, who are unaffiliated with any of the Bank's member institutions, but who reside in the Bank's district and are elected every four years on an at-large basis.<sup>2</sup> Section 7 and FHFA's implementing regulation, codified at 12 CFR part 1261, establish the eligibility requirements for both types of Bank directors and the required professional qualifications for independent directors, and set forth the procedures for their election.

Part 1261 of the regulations requires each Bank, as part of its responsibility to administer its annual director election process, to determine the eligibility of candidates to serve as member and independent directors on its board. Specifically, each Bank must require each candidate for either type of directorship, including any incumbent that may be a candidate for reelection, to complete and return to the Bank a form that solicits information about the candidate's statutory eligibility to serve and, in the case of independent director candidates, about his or her professional qualifications for the directorship being sought.<sup>3</sup> Member director candidates are required to complete the Federal Home Loan Bank Member Director Eligibility Certification Form (Member Director Eligibility Certification Form), while independent director candidates must

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<sup>1</sup> See 12 U.S.C. 1427(a)(1).

<sup>2</sup> See 12 U.S.C. 1427(b) and (d).

<sup>3</sup> See 12 CFR 1261.7(c) and (f); 12 CFR 1261.14(b).

complete the Federal Home Loan Bank Independent Director Application Form (Independent Director Application Form).

Under part 1261, each Bank must also require each of its incumbent directors to certify annually that he or she continues to meet all of the applicable statutory eligibility requirements.<sup>4</sup> Member directors do this by completing the Member Director Eligibility Certification Form again every year, while independent directors complete the abbreviated Federal Home Loan Bank Independent Director Annual Certification Form (Independent Director Annual Certification Form) to certify their ongoing eligibility.

The OMB control number for the information collection is 2590-0006, which is due to expire on October 31, 2014. The likely respondents are individuals who are prospective and incumbent Bank directors. Copies of each of the forms appear at the end of this notice.

## **B. Burden Estimate**

FHFA estimates the total annual hour burden imposed upon respondents by this information collection is 145 hours. This estimate is based on the following calculations:

### 1. Member Director Eligibility Certification Form

FHFA estimates the total annual hour burden on all member director candidates and incumbent member directors associated with review and completion of the Member Director Eligibility Certification Form is 37 hours. This includes a total annual average of 68 member director candidates, with 1 response per individual taking an average of 15 minutes (.25 hours) (68 respondents x .25 hours = 17 hours). It also includes a total annual average of 80 incumbent member directors, with 1 response per individual taking an average of 15 minutes (.25 hours) (80 individuals x .25 hours = 20 hours).

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<sup>4</sup> See 12 CFR 1261.12.

## 2. Independent Director Application Form

FHFA estimates the total annual hour burden on all independent director candidates associated with review and completion of the Independent Director Application Form is 75 hours. This includes a total annual average of 25 independent director candidates, with 1 response per individual taking an average of 3 hours (25 individuals x 3 hours = 75 hours).

## 3. Independent Director Annual Certification Form

FHFA estimates the total annual hour burden on all incumbent independent directors associated with review and completion of the Independent Director Annual Certification Form is 33 hours. This includes a total annual average of 66 incumbent independent directors, with 1 response per individual taking an average of 30 minutes (.5 hours) (66 individuals x .5 hours = 33 hours).

## **C. Comment Request**

### 1. Comment Received in Response to the Initial Notice

In accordance with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.8(d), FHFA published a request for public comments regarding this information collection in the Federal Register on August 11, 2014. See 79 FR 46801 (Aug. 11, 2014). The 60-day comment period closed on October 10, 2014. FHFA received one comment letter, signed jointly by two Members of Congress, that suggested several revisions to the forms and questioned the accuracy of FHFA's burden estimate pertaining to completion of the Independent Director Application Form. For the reasons stated below, the agency has decided against making any of the suggested revisions or changing the burden estimate.

Citing the importance of diversity among Bank directors, the commenters suggested that FHFA revise the forms to include questions regarding the gender, race, ethnicity, and geographic location of the respondent. With respect to a respondent's geographic location, the application forms already address that issue by requiring respondents to provide their home and business addresses. With respect to the other three elements, FHFA anticipates obtaining that information through a separate rulemaking. In June 2014 FHFA issued a proposed rule to amend its regulations on Minority and Women Inclusion (MWI), located at 12 CFR part 1207. That proposal would require each Bank annually to request that each member of its board of directors voluntarily provide the Bank with information about his or her minority and gender classification. The Banks would then provide that information, on an aggregate basis and without including personally identifiable information, to FHFA as part of their annual MWI reports to the agency.<sup>5</sup> The comment period for that rulemaking ended on August 25, 2014, and FHFA is in the process of reviewing the comments received and developing a final rule. Because FHFA anticipates having in place another avenue for receiving information about the diversity of Bank boards of directors, it does not believe that it is necessary to collect that same information through the director application forms.

The Bank Act requires that at least two of each Bank's independent directors qualify as "public interest" directors—i.e., that they have more than four years of experience representing consumer or community interests on banking services, credit needs, housing, or consumer financial protections.<sup>6</sup> The commenters' second suggested revision relates to question 3 in the "Statutory Eligibility Requirements" section of the

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<sup>5</sup> See 79 FR 35960 (June 25, 2014). The proposed rule would also apply to the Bank System's Office of Finance.

<sup>6</sup> See 12 U.S.C. § 1427(a)(3)(B)(ii).

Independent Director Application Form, which asks respondents who are interested in serving as a “public interest” director to “provide information on how you have represented such consumer or community interests for more than four years.” The commenters suggest that FHFA revise this question to require that each such respondent also be required to specify the “leadership role” that the individual has held in a “mission-driven organization.”

The agency has declined to make this revision for several reasons. First, the principal purpose of the form is to determine whether the respondent satisfies the statutory and regulatory eligibility requirements for being a public interest director. While it has been FHFA’s experience that most, if not all, of the Banks’ “public interest” director candidates have in fact served in a leadership position with a “mission-driven” organization, the Bank Act does not require that an individual fulfill the “public interest” requirement in this particular manner in order to be eligible. If the question were to be revised as suggested, it would then imply that serving in such a position is a necessary means of fulfilling the eligibility requirements and would likely cause confusion among potential applicants about the actual eligibility requirements. Second, FHFA, which reviews the completed form for every individual a Bank proposes to nominate for an independent directorship, is unaware of any instance in recent years in which an applicant responding to question 3 has failed to specify the position or positions he or she held with any organization mentioned therein. In most cases, respondents have provided additional detail as to the duties undertaken while holding those positions. Both the Banks and FHFA review the information provided in order to confirm that the persons actually satisfy the statutory eligibility requirements for the public interest directorships. If an

applicant for a “public interest” independent directorship did not include such information, it is likely that the Bank, or FHFA, would require the respondent to provide such information before he or she could be considered for the directorship. Finally, question 1 in the “Selection Criteria” section of the Independent Director Application Form already requests that applicants provide detailed information about their leadership experience, and their responses to that question should provide the Banks and FHFA with information about the leadership roles they have had with any consumer- or community interest-focused organizations.

The commenters’ third suggested revision relates to question 2(G) in the “Selection Criteria” section of the Independent Director Application Form, which is intended to elicit information on experience that the respondent may have that is related to “the mission of the Banks.” The question characterizes the Banks’ mission as being “to support the housing finance activities of their members, which includes residential mortgage finance and community and economic development lending activities.” Noting that “Congress has consistently defined the [Banks’] mission as serving both housing and community economic development needs of people and their communities,” the commenters suggest that FHFA revise question 2(G) so that it instead describes the mission of the Banks as being to support the “housing and community economic development activities of its members.” There is no specific definition of the Banks’ mission. Nonetheless, since its inception in 1932, the principal activity of the Banks has been to support their members’ residential housing finance business by providing loans to their members (known as “advances”) that are secured by the members’ assets, most typically other residential mortgage loans. In 1989, Congress further required the Banks

to establish Affordable Housing Programs, through which members can support access to housing for persons with lower or moderate incomes, and to support their members' community and economic development activities. Thereafter, the Federal Housing Finance Board, FHFA's predecessor agency as regulator of the Banks, construed the "housing finance mission" of the Banks broadly, and to include two elements: providing support for their members' residential mortgage lending, and providing support for their members' community and economic development activities. FHFA has embraced the view that support for the members' community and economic development activities is a core aspect of the Banks' housing finance mission and believes that the existing language of the form, which explicitly refers to "community and economic development activities," is consistent with that view and need not be changed.

Finally, the commenters assert that FHFA's estimate that it will take a respondent an average of 3 hours to complete the Independent Director Application Form is too high and suggest that an estimate of one hour would be more accurate. The commenters argue that the types of individuals being considered for a Bank directorship would be likely to have already prepared similar information for other purposes, which could be drawn upon to reduce the time needed to complete the form. In deciding upon a burden estimate of 3 hours per form, FHFA considered the amount of time it would take an individual completing the form for the first time to: (1) read through the questions and background information to understand the statutory requirements and the reasoning behind the questions; (2) gather the information requested on the form and any additional materials he or she wishes to provide; (3) prepare narrative answers of sufficient detail to demonstrate his or her eligibility and qualifications to serve; and (4) sign the form and

transmit it to the Bank. Undoubtedly, many respondents will have materials at hand containing relevant information that can be readily incorporated into the electronic version of the form, which may reduce the amount of time it will take them to complete the form. It may also be true that an incumbent seeking reelection may require less time to update a previously completed version of the form. Those situations will not necessarily be the case for all respondents, however, because FHFA has observed that a number of applicants still complete the eligibility forms by hand, which takes longer to do. Moreover, in developing its burden estimates for collections of information, it has been the agency's practice to err on the high side and not to assume that all respondents will use the most efficient methods for completing the forms. Because there is no way of knowing what time-saving resources a respondent may be able to draw upon in completing the form, the agency has decided to retain the existing estimate of 3 hours.

## 2. Further Comments Requested in Response to This Notice

In response to this notice, FHFA requests written comments on the following: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FHFA functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FHFA's estimates of the burdens of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

\_\_\_\_ Date: October 27, 2014  
Kevin Winkler, Chief Information Officer  
Federal Housing Finance Agency



**FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK  
MEMBER DIRECTOR  
ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION FORM**

1. Print or type your full name:

2. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes ☐ No ☐

3. Provide the address of your principal residence:

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Street	City	State	Zip code

4. Provide the following information about the institution you serve as an officer or director that is a member of your Federal Home Loan Bank:

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Name of member	Your title or position

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Telephone number	Fax number	E-mail address

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Street	City	State	Zip code

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Mailing address (if different)	City	State	Zip code

5. Provide the name and location of any other institution you serve as an officer or a director that is a member of any Federal Home Loan Bank:

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Name of member	City	State	Your title or position

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Name of member	City	State	Your title or position

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6. Does each member listed in LINE 4 and LINE 5 comply with all of its applicable minimum capital requirements established by its appropriate federal or state regulator?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you answered No, identify the non-compliant institution and note the Bank of which it is a member.

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Name of member	Bank District

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Name of member	Bank District

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the information provided on this Federal Home Loan Bank Member Director Eligibility Certification Form is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

_____ Signature	_____ Date
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State of \_\_\_\_\_)

County of \_\_\_\_\_)

Signed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ of 20 \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public

(Notarial Seal)

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DIRECTIONS**

If you need assistance in completing this Form or have any questions, please contact:

Name:  
Federal Home Loan Bank of  
Address:  
Telephone:  
Fax:  
E-Mail:

### **Who Must File and When**

The Federal Home Loan Bank (Bank) uses the information you provide on this Form to determine whether you meet the statutory and regulatory eligibility requirements to serve as a member director. You can find these requirements in section 1427 of Title 12 of the United States Code (12 U.S.C. § 1427) and in part 1261 of Title 12 of the Code of Federal Regulations (12 C.F.R. part 1261). A copy of the statutory and regulatory eligibility requirements is enclosed for your reference. Only individuals who satisfy these requirements may run for a member directorship or serve as a member director.

### **Nominees for a Member Bank Directorship**

If you wish to accept a nomination to serve as a member director, you must complete this Form and return it to the Bank on or before [REDACTED]. If you do not submit this Form to the Bank by the deadline, you will be deemed to have declined the nomination.

### **Incumbent Member Bank Directors**

Every year, each incumbent member director must complete this Form and return it to the Bank on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Bank will use the information to confirm your continued eligibility to serve as a member director. If you do not submit this form by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, the Bank may declare that you are no longer eligible to serve as a member director, and may declare vacant the member directorship that you hold. If March 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or federal holiday, you have until the next business day to submit the completed Form.

### **Individuals Selected to Fill a Vacancy**

If the Bank selected you to fill a vacancy on the board of directors, you must complete this Form and return it to the Bank on or before [REDACTED]. You cannot become a member director unless you complete and return the Form to the Bank.

**Line-by-Line Instructions**

**LINE 1.** Print or type your full name.

**LINE 2.** You must be a United States citizen in order to serve as a member director. Check the appropriate answer.

**LINE 3.** Provide the address of your principal residence.

**LINE 4.** You must be an officer or a director of an institution that is a member of the Bank in order to be a member director of that Bank. In addition, the member must be located in the state within the Bank district that is to be represented by the directorship you wish to hold. In most cases, a member will be deemed to be located where it maintains its home office or its principal place of business. Provide the requested information for the member you serve as an officer or director, as well as your title or position at that institution.

**LINE 5.** If you are an officer or director of any other institution that is a member of this or any other Bank, provide the name and location of the institution(s), as well as the position that you hold at the institution(s).

**LINE 6.** In order for you to be eligible to serve as a member director, every institution that you serve as an officer or director that is a member of the Bank in which you wish to hold a directorship must be in compliance with all of its applicable minimum capital requirements established by its appropriate federal or state regulator. The term "appropriate federal regulator" has the same meaning as the term "appropriate Federal banking agency" in section 3(q) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. § 1813(q)) and, for federally insured credit unions, means the National Credit Union Administration. The term "appropriate state regulator" means any state officer, agency, supervisor, or other entity that has regulatory authority over, or is empowered to institute enforcement action against, a member.

Check the appropriate answer as to whether each institution you listed in LINE 4 and LINE 5 is in compliance with all of the applicable minimum capital requirements established by its appropriate federal or state regulator. If the answer is No, you must list each non-compliant institution regardless of the Bank of which it is a member. However, your status as an officer or director of a non-compliant institution will render you ineligible to serve as a Bank director only if that institution is a member of the Bank in which you wish to hold a directorship.

**Privacy Act Statement:** In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a), the following notice is provided. This information is solicited under authority of 12 U.S.C. 1427(a) and (b); and 12 CFR 1261.5, 1261.7, and 1261.10 to 1261.13. Furnishing the information on this form is voluntary, but failure to do so may result in you not meeting the statutory and regulatory eligibility requirements to serve as a member director. The purpose of this information is to facilitate the timely determination of your eligibility to serve as a member director. Information may be disclosed in accordance with the routine uses identified in FHFA-System of Records Notice FHFA-8 Federal Home Loan Bank Directors, which may be found at [http://www.fhfa.gov/webfiles/21534/Notice%20FHFA%20SORS%20\(FHFA-7%20to%20FHFA-13\).pdf](http://www.fhfa.gov/webfiles/21534/Notice%20FHFA%20SORS%20(FHFA-7%20to%20FHFA-13).pdf) published%2076%20FR%2033286%20(6-8-11)%20(2).pdf

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## FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR APPLICATION FORM

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full name:

Address:

Current employment:

Name of organization Your title or position

Telephone number Fax number E-mail address

Street City State Zip code

Mailing address (if different) City State Zip code

## STATUTORY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

An individual must satisfy certain statutory requirements in order to be eligible for election as an independent director of a Federal Home Loan Bank (Bank). The requirements relate to citizenship, residency, and, for prospective public interest directors, experience in that field. The statute also prohibits an independent director from serving as an officer, employee, or director of an institution that is a member of, or that receives advances from, the Bank on whose board the director serves. The questions below address these statutory requirements.

1. *Citizenship.* Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes ☐ No ☐

2. *Residency.* In order to be an independent director you must be a bona fide resident of a state that is in the geographic district of the Bank on whose board you wish to serve. You will satisfy this requirement if your principal residence is located in that geographic district (A), or if you own or lease a second residence in the district *and* are employed in the district (B). Please indicate the basis you are using to demonstrate bona fide residence.

A. Is your principal residence located in the Bank's geographic district? Yes ☐ No ☐

B. If you answered No, do you own or lease a second residence in the Bank's district *and* are you employed in the district? Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, provide the address of your second home, the name of, and identifying information on, your employer, and your title or position, if different from that on page 1 of this Form.

Second home address:

Employer information:

<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
Name of organization		Your title or position	
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
Telephone number	Fax number	E-mail address	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Street	City	State	Zip code
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Mailing address (if different)	City	State	Zip code

3. *Public Interest Directors.* If you are seeking election as a public interest director, you must be able to demonstrate that you have more than four years experience representing consumer or community interests on banking services, credit needs, housing, or consumer financial protections.

If you meet this requirement, provide information on how you have represented such consumer or community interests for more than four years.

4. *Conflicts of interest.* Independent directors and their spouses may not serve as an officer of any Bank or as an officer, employee, or director of any member of, or any recipient of advances from, the Bank on whose board the independent director serves. You and your spouse will have to give up any conflicting position before you can become a Bank director.

For purposes of this conflict of interest provision, the terms:

“Member” and “Recipient of advances” include the institution itself and any subsidiary of the institution. If the institution is owned by a holding company, the terms include the holding company if 35 percent or more of the holding company’s assets, on a consolidated basis, are attributable to institutions that are members of, or recipients of advances from, the Bank on whose board the independent director serves. Thus, you may not serve as a director, employee, or officer of a holding company if one or more members of, or one or more recipients of advances from, your Bank constitute 35 percent or more of the holding company’s assets.

A. Please specify each position you and your spouse have in any member of, or recipient of advances from, the Bank on whose board you would serve.

B. Do you agree to give up positions that are deemed to be conflicting interests before becoming an independent director of that Bank? Yes ☐ No ☐

## SELECTION CRITERIA

The Banks are multi-billion dollar financial institutions, the principal business of which is to borrow funds in the capital markets and then provide secured loans to their members. Each Bank is required to have independent directors who possess knowledge or expertise in financial management, derivatives, auditing and accounting, risk management practices, project development, organizational management, or the law.

1. *Leadership Experience.* Bank directors should have experience in senior management or policy-making in one or more fields of business, government, education, or community/civic affairs, and should have a record of achievement in their chosen profession or field of business. This experience should provide directors with the ability to understand the business of the Bank, to act independently, and to ask Bank management appropriate questions about how they are conducting Bank business.

A. If you have ever served as the CEO, CFO, COO, or in a similar capacity for a business enterprise, or as a dean or senior faculty member at a prominent college or university, or as a senior official for a federal or state government or prominent nonprofit organization, please provide the details for those positions, including the dates of service and the positions held.



B. If you have other experience dealing with issues such as developing or implementing business strategies, overseeing regulatory compliance, corporate governance, or board operations, or have previously served on the board of a large business enterprise, please describe those experiences.



C. If you have other significant business or professional achievements that demonstrate your ability to lead an organization please describe them.



**2. Business Knowledge.** Bank directors must be financially literate, meaning they must be familiar with how financial statements and various financial ratios are used in managing a business enterprise, how basic accounting conventions apply to the Bank, and how internal controls are used to manage risk. They also must have some knowledge about one or more of the areas of the Bank's business, such as mortgage finance, capital markets transactions, accounting/modeling practices, affordable housing, community and economic development, and legal and regulatory compliance.

A. Do you know how to read and understand a financial statement, and do you understand how financial ratios and other indices are used for evaluating the performance of a business enterprise? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you answered Yes, please describe the setting in which you gained that knowledge.

B. Do you have a working familiarity with basic finance and accounting practices, including internal controls and risk management? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you answered Yes, please describe the setting in which you acquired that knowledge.

C. Do you have experience with financial accounting and auditing, particularly with a publicly traded company? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you answered Yes, please describe that experience.

D. Do you have experience in project development or organizational management?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you answered Yes, please describe that experience.

E. Do you have experience in an organization providing financing for residential mortgages, housing for low or moderate income individuals and families, or real estate development?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you answered Yes, please describe that experience.

F. Have you served in any position that required an understanding of the legal and other fiduciary obligations associated with being an independent director? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you answered Yes, please describe that experience.

G. The mission of the Banks is to support the housing finance activities of their members, which includes residential mortgage finance and community and economic development lending activities. Please describe any prior experience that is related to the mission of the Banks.

3. *Commitment to Service.* In order to serve effectively on the board of a Bank, a director must be able to attend the meetings of the board of directors and subcommittees on which the director serves, and to devote the time necessary to prepare for those meetings.

A. Do you have any other business or professional commitments that would hinder your ability to prepare for and attend board of director and committee meetings? Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, please describe the constraints on your ability to serve.

B. If you serve on any other corporate boards, please provide the name and location of the organization, your role (e.g., chair and committee assignments), and the term of service.

<div>Name of organization</div>	<div>Your role</div>	<div>Term</div>
<div>Name of organization</div>	<div>Your role</div>	<div>Term</div>
<div>Name of organization</div>	<div>Your role</div>	<div>Term</div>

4. *Personal Integrity.* Character is an important consideration in evaluating any prospective Bank director. All directors must have high ethical standards and integrity in both their personal and professional dealings. Please indicate whether you ever have been convicted of a felony, been found to have violated any federal or state civil laws relating to the securities, banking, housing or real estate industries, or have had a professional license suspended or revoked.

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you answered Yes, please explain.

**5. Independence.** It is essential that an independent director be able to act independently of management in overseeing the policy and operations of a Bank, and not have any relationships that may create actual or apparent conflicts of interest. Please disclose whether you have any familial or business relationships with any members of Bank management or the board of directors of the Bank, and any other relationship(s) that might lead a reasonable person to question your independence. Yes ☐ No ☐

If you answered Yes, please explain.

**6. Other Experience and Education.** Please provide a copy of your resume if it describes other business, professional, or educational achievements that are not described in the responses to the questions above. Resume attached. Yes ☐ No ☐

**BY EXECUTING AND SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION FORM, YOU ARE CERTIFYING THAT THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDED IS TRUE, CORRECT, AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND THAT YOU AGREE TO SERVE AS A DIRECTOR IF ELECTED.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Date

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## FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR ANNUAL CERTIFICATION FORM

Full name:

Federal Home Loan Bank of:

Every year, each incumbent independent Federal Home Loan Bank (Bank) director must certify that he or she continues to meet all of the following requirements:

- United States citizen
- Bona fide resident of a state in the geographic district of the Bank on whose board you serve
  - your principal residence is located in that geographic district OR
  - you own or lease a second residence in the district *and* are employed in the district
- During your term of office, you and your spouse may not:
  - serve as an officer of any Federal Home Loan Bank
  - serve as an officer, employee, or director of any member or subsidiary of a member of the Bank you serve, or any holding company that controls one or more members of the Bank you serve if the assets of all such members constitute 35 percent or more of the assets of the holding company, on a consolidated basis
  - serve as an officer, employee, or director of any recipient of advances from the Bank you serve, or any holding company that controls one or more recipients of advances from the Bank you serve if the assets of all such recipients constitute 35 percent or more of the assets of the holding company, on a consolidated basis
- To be designated a public interest director, you must have more than four years experience representing consumer or community interests on banking services, credit needs, housing, or consumer financial protections
- If you are not designated as a public interest director, you must have knowledge or experience in one of the following: auditing and accounting, derivatives, financial management, organizational management, project development, risk management practices, or the law.

By executing this form, you are certifying that you continue to meet these requirements and that the director application form you submitted previously, or any amended certification form you submitted previously, is true, correct, and complete to the best of your knowledge.

Please check one box:

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No changes have occurred.

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Changes have occurred to my responses in these sections of my Form:

Personal information:

Eligibility information, including conflicts of interest:

Commitment to serve:

Personal integrity:

Independence:

Other changes:

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